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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 6, 20, and 22.

Please amend claims 1, 14 through 19, 21, and 23 through 26, 28, 31, and 34 through 36 as follows:

1. (Amended) A system for stimulating the healing of tissue, comprising:

a porous pad;
an airtight dressing;
a means for connecting a distal end of a conduit through the dressing;
a canister removably connected to a proximal end of the conduit;
an electric pump for applying negative pressure to a wound site;